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Confidential

To The Collector of Madura

Sir,

Under urgent instructions from the Government of India, & with the approval of this Government, I have the honor to request that you will reduce your Cash balance to the lowest possible amount, and inform me at once, of what amount you are prepared to remit to me. The necessity for funds is so great, that you should retain in your Treasury only just sufficient funds to meet payments up to the 1st November next. No margin is to be left for possible demands, but only those payments which you *know* will fall due before the 1st November should be provided for.
His Grace, The Governor in Coun it authorises me to say, that the Government rely upon you to use your utmost efforts to supply the largest

largest sum possible. Have the goodness to let me know by telegraph (to Ooty) as soon as possible what is the largest amount, which you can possibly spare by the 30th of September.

I have &c.

Ootacamund }
3rd September }
1880 }

(Signed) A. Cotterell Tupp.

Madura Collector's Office
8th September 1880.

No. 13

From
The Collector of Madura.

To
The Accountant General of Madras
at Ootacamund.

Sir,

Referring to your demi-official note of 3rd instant I have the honor to inform you that the largest sum, that

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that can be possibly remitted by the 30th October next, is Rs 3,30,000, which is exclusive of Rs 50,000 sent to Tuticorin Bank on the 2nd instant in pursuance of your letter No. $\frac{C.B.D.}{176}$ dated the 23rd ultimo, but inclusive of Rs 1,00,000 now to be sent to that Bank under instructions received yesterday by telegram from the Accountant General's Office at Madras.—

I have &ca.

(Signed) H. J. Stokes
Collector.

(True Copies)

H. Donald
Offg. Accountt. General

Resource Department 3 5

Ootacamund
Acct. Genl's Office
11th September 1880

No. 1069 N.

From
The Accountant General
to the Government of Madras

To
The Collector of Madura

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 13 dated the 8th September 1880 I have the honor to call your attention to the following facts

(1) that in my confidential letter of the 3rd which was issued under the authority of Government I requested you to telegraph to me the amount you could spare, whereas you have replied by letter, thereby causing a delay of three or four days in a very important matter and rendering it impossible for me to forward my estimate to the Comptroller General.

(2) that I requested you to state how much you could spare by the 30th of September whereas you have given the amount you can spare by the 30th October which is useless to me and which

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will involve further delay in making another reference to you. The very date "30th" should have drawn your attention to this as if I had wanted the in=formation up to the end of October the date would have been the 31st and not the 30th. You state what you can spare up to the <u>30th of October</u> which is a broken period and not even the end of a month.

(3) that your reply to a <u>confidential</u> (and not a Demi Official) letter, issued under special instructions from Government, should not have been in the form of an ordinary Office letter copied by a clerk and sent to me in an ordinary Office cover which any one might open and which was not marked "confidential". The reason why you were requested to telegraph was partly that the information might remain confi=dential as I open all telegrams myself: so that by replying by a letter not in your own handwriting, you have not only caused great delay but have rendered available

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to your Office and to mine information which should have been known only to yourself and your Deputy Collector.

2 I must request that in future you will be good enough to pay a stricter attention to the instructions of Government when conveyed by me and to comply with them accurately and immediately. This letter has been submitted to and is approved by Government.—

I have &ca.

(Signed) A. Cotterell Tupp.
Offg. Accountt. General.

(True Copy)

A. C. Tupp

Offg. Accountt. General.

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Madura
15th September 1880.

From
The Collector of
Madura
To The Accountant General
to the Government of
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1069 C.N. dated the 11th September 1880. I answer it confidentially as I have to refer to and quote from your confidential letter.-

2. In your first paragraph you say that in your confidential letter of the 3d Instant you requested me to telegraph to you the amount I could spare, whereas I had replied by letter, and that I had thus caused a delay of three or four days in a very important matter. I regret the delay so caused; but desire to point out that it is attributable to you and not to me.-

3. In your confidential letter you apparently ask for two things (1) to be "informed at once of what amount I was prepared to remit to you" and (2) to be "let know by

telegraph

telegraph as soon as possible what was the largest amount which I could possibly spare by the 30th September." You now say that the first piece of information was of no use to you, so I presume that you did not intend to ask for it. If both the requests in your confidential letter referred to the same matter it would have been better if they had been expressed in the same terms. As it is, they have caused confusion. A request for information to be furnished at once is not the same thing as one for information to be telegraphed as soon as possible; particularly when the latter request is for information only to be furnished after enquiry.

4. In your confidential letter you have used the words "telegraph x x x as soon as possible" which you do not mention in your letter under reply. Those words naturally led me to believe that you wanted me to give you the information after I had myself ascertained it by enquiry. I could not of course know the largest amount which I could possibly spare without such enquiry and I accordingly proceeded to make it intending to telegraph the result.

5. You say that you requested me to state how much I could spare by the 30th September. As already mentioned you asked me in your confidential

letter

letter to telegraph as soon as possible the largest amount which I could possibly spare by the 30th September. This I prepared to do, and wrote to you informing you of the amount which I was prepared to remit by the 30th October, because you asked me what amount I was prepared to remit; adding immediately after this that the necessity of funds was so great that I was to retain in my treasury only just sufficient funds to make payments up to the 1st November. Only the payments which I knew would fall due by the 1st November should be provided for. The natural conclusion from this was that you wanted to know what amount I was prepared to remit to you within the end of October; and if that conclusion was erroneous it was because your letter did not convey your meaning.

6. You say that the date "the 30th" should have drawn my attention to the fact that the information you wanted was of what I could spare up to the end of September, because there are thirty one days in October. You are perhaps not aware that the 31st October will be a Sunday, so that the 30th is the Official last day of the month. Besides no treasury transactions take place on the last day. Hence the fact that you wrote the date the "30th September" in the end of your letter by no means led to the conclusion

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that you did not mean the 30th October in the beginning of it.-

7. Your letter was treated by me as confidential and did not pass into my Office. You did not request me to answer you confidentially and there was nothing in the answer of a confidential nature. The information supplied monthly as to estimated receipts and disbursements is of the same nature and no attempt is made to conceal it.-

8. I therefore maintain that I have paid strict attention to the instructions of Government conveyed by you, so far as I was able to understand your wishes. The fact that these were not clearly expressed is no reason why I should be addressed in the manner in which you have addressed me; and I request that as you submitted to Government your letter to me, you will also submit to Government my reply to you. I request also that you will withdraw your letter.-

I have &ca.
(Sd) H. J. Stokes
Collector

(True Copy)

A. Tupp
Offg. Accountant Genl.

Resource Department

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Fort Saint George
Accountt Generals Office
3rd November 1880

No. 3852.

From
The Accountant General
to the Government
of Madras.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Financial Department

Sir,

When forwarding at the request of Mr. Cotterell Tuffs copy of correspondence between him and Mr. H. I. Stokes the Collector of Madura, I have the honor by Mr. Tuffs desire to state as follows:—

× The Collector's letter of the 15th September 1880.

"As regards ×his paragraphs 2 & 3 "I did as he says ask for two things, "first to be informed by telegraph of "what he could spare by 30th September. "This was urgently required by the "Comptroller General. Secondly to be "informed by letter how much he could "spare at that time (when he got my "letter).—

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"He did not comply with my first requisition and thereby delayed my report to the Comptroller General for several days.—

"Both the requests did not refer "to the same matter, as is evident "I think from my letter.—

"His para 4. He need not have "taken more than one day or at "the most two to make the necessary "enquiries, whereas he did not send "me a telegram at all.—

"His para. 5. I cannot see why my "asking him in plain words what "he could spare at the end of September "should lead him to suppose I wanted "to know what he could spare at the "end of October, merely because I told "him to reserve as much as would "carry him on to the end of October. "This was merely a caution not to "exhaust his treasury, and I cannot "admit that my letter did not convey "its meaning."—

His

"His para 6. The fact that the 31st
"October will be a sunday does not
"surely affect the question when I
"plainly said the 30th of September,
"not October.-

"His para 7. I thought it was always
"understood that a confidential letter
"should be answered confidentially,
"and his letter issued through his Office
"showed to all the clerks that there was
"a great pressure for funds which it was
"not desirable to make known. I
"think the Government agreed with
"me about this.-

"His para. 8. I think I have shown
"that he did not pay strict attention
"to the wishes of Government as con-
"veyed by me, and as the draft of
"my Circular was corrected by the Govern-
"ment, and in part re-written in Council
"I need not reply to Mr. Stokes assertion
"that it did not convey my meaning.

"As regards my letter to Mr. Stokes
"it was approved by Honorable Mr.
"Hudleston and I could not even
"if I wished (which I certainly do

not) withdraw it without the sanction of Government. I was particularly careful in so important a matter to obtain the sanction of Government at each step, and I therefore hope that Government will be pleased to support me. As both the letters stated that they were issued with the approval of Government I do not think that Mr. Stokes should have permitted himself to use the language which he has with regard to them"

2. As Mr. Tupp received Mr. Hudleston's directions to lay this matter Officially before Government, just as he was going on board the steamer he was unable to write this letter himself. The quotations from his demi Official letter to Mr. Hudleston will, however, I think inform Government fully of the facts of the case.-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.

W. Donald

Offg. Accountt. General

R. D.

Public 1880 Department
~~From~~ (Correspondence)
The Accountt. General
Madras.
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Financial Department

Dated 3d }
Recd. 8 } November 1880.

No. 2556 No. 3852

Forwards Correspondence with the Collector of Madura relative to his not having strictly conformed with the instructions issued in a confidential communication from this Office.

Hon W. Huddleston

10 19 Public DEPARTMENT.

No. 2556.

From the Accountant General

Dated 3 Nov /80

Forwards correspondence with Coll. Madura, relative to his not having strictly conformed with instructions issued in a confidential letter.

FOR ORDERS.

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FOR ORDERS.

The Hon W. [illegible]

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Procgs. of the Madras Govt.

under date the 27 Nov. 1880.

No. 1775.

From Acct. Genl. No. 3852 dated 3rd November forwarding with remarks letter from the Collector of Madura No. – (Confidential) dated 15th September, 1880.

His Grace the Governor in Council considers that Mr Stokes was to blame for not replying "Confidentially" to a Confidential letter, on finance matters, from

the Acct. General, and for not telegraphing, as he was expressly desired to do, the amount he could possibly spare by 30th September, the Acct. Genl's letter ~~having been~~ of the 3rd idem having been answered by him, by ordinary letter, on the 6th of the month.

2. The Govt. are however, ~~are~~ of opinion that if Mr Stokes had paid due attention to the urgent enquiry, he

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13 should have perceived that the further request to report at once what amount he was "prepared to remit" was a distinct requirement from that which was to be answered by telegram.

3. Mr Stokes will clearly understand that Financial references of this description are of the utmost importance, and to be attended to with greater care than has manifested on this occasion, while

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Confidential references are invariably to be answered in the same form.

H. Wilson

24/11. To the Acct. Genl.
Copy of G.O. to Mr
R. S. Stokes, Collector
of Madura.

Hon. W. Hudleston

Confidl.

G.O. 27-11-80
No. 1725

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